

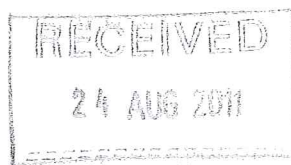
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Manawatu-Whanganui Branch

c/- 266 Park Road, Palmerston North 4410

20 August 2011

Lucy Sandford-Reed
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Dear Lucy

Re: **Mary Ann Baskerville: Nomination for Life Membership of ANZASW**

I write on behalf of the Manawatu-Whanganui Branch of ANZASW, to nominate Mary Ann Baskerville for Life Membership of Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers. We believe that Mary Ann has contributed in a hugely significant way, and continues to do so, both on a local and national level to the work of ANZASW and to the social work profession as a whole. This nomination is supported by the Manawhenua Roopu and a letter of support from Wyllis Russell the current Chair of the Roopu is attached in the supporting documentation.

Mary Ann joined NZASW shortly after she arrived in NZ from the USA in 1974, firstly as a member of the Waikato branch, and then later the Manawatu-Whanganui branch since 1979. Mary Ann has remained a full member of the Association since then and has actively contributed to the life of the Association both locally and nationally for thirty one years.

The range and extent of Mary Ann's involvement in the Association and with the social work profession is vast, and an overview of her involvement is as follows:

- In 1980, Mary Ann was part of the Manawatu group that formed the National Executive and served as the treasurer and secretary from 1980-1982;
- Mary Ann has served as National Treasurer under the presidency of Geoff Stenton and John Hannifin;
- In August 1980 the Manawatu had a remit proposed by Mary Ann which read "That the national executive urgently investigate the issue of professional indemnity for all social workers" ;
- To quote from her own pen portrait, as a recently newly elected member of the executive at the time, she says "I am interested in making NZASW a "service" organisation for members especially in terms of mutual education and support". (News and Views in

Social Work Dec. 1980). It can be asserted that she did indeed contribute significantly to the achievement of this aim;

- Mary Ann was a member of the committee of the Social Work Training Group;
- In 1983, she was a member of the task group working on the training needs of supervisors;
- Mary Ann was a foundation member of the Board of Catholic Social Services for the Diocese of Palmerston North;
- From 2002-2005 Mary Ann undertook her second stint as national treasurer, and led ANZASW through the process of upgrading its financial budgeting and management and employment policies.
- In 2004 The Mary Ann Baskerville Field Educator Award was established in recognition of extraordinary contribution to Fieldwork in the School of Social Policy and Social Work at Massey University.
- Mary Ann served five years as part of the National Conference Organisation and in 2006 convened the conference committee organising the biennial ANZASW conference. Her considerable experience as a senior lecturer at Massey University, where she also has a major organisational role, her academic background in financial management as well as organisational management, were invaluable in contributing to the success of this conference
- A commendation was received by Mary Ann from ANZASW in 2006 recognising the contribution Mary Ann has made to the Association and the Social Work profession
- Mary Ann has a long history of involvement with Social Work Review, and has had editorial responsibilities for the Review and is currently a reviewer for the journal
- Trustee Administrator of the Barretta-Herman Trust, which provides funds for students with short-term financial difficulties 1990-2010
- Executive member Age Concern Manawatu since 2007
- Executive member and past Chairperson, Social Issues Network, Council of Social Services, Manawatu – 20 years of involvement
- Currently a Director, Age Concern Central
- Trustee, Manawatu Community Trust, since 2008. The Trust is responsible for 208 residential units for elderly and disabled residents of Feilding. The Trust is also leading and facilitating a Family Integrated Health Centre in Feilding.

The NZASW journal published an article by her on 'Women in Social Work' in September 1983 and there have been numerous other publications in the journal and in other forums since then. A sample of Mary Ann's extensive publications is included below:

- 2011 Nash, M., Baskerville, M.A., and Simmons, H. Life member profile – Bertha Zurcher. ANZASW NoticeBoard, February 2011., page 4.
- 2010 Baskerville, M.A. Life member profile – Jackie Sayers. ANZASW NoticeBoard, February 2010., page 6.
- 2008 Baskerville, M.A. Encouragement with good strategies as well. Aotearoa New Zealand Social Work Review, June 2008, Vol XX, Number 2, pp 85-86.
- 2008 Crean, P and Baskerville, M.A. Community based advocacy – An exploratory study. Aotearoa New Zealand Social Work Review, March 2008, Vol XX, Number 1, pp 32-42.
- 2007 Roche, B. and Baskerville, M.A. A balancing act! Social workers' experiences of work-life balance while combining work and study. Aotearoa New Zealand Social Work Review, Winter 2007, Vol XIX, Number 2, pp 59-67.

- 2002 Jaquiery, N., Baskerville M., Selby R. Social work in schools (SWIS). Chapter 5 in Truell, R. and Nowland, L. (Eds), Reflections on current practice in social work. Dunmore Press, pp 81-98.
- 1996 Durrant, P. & Baskerville, M. *Private Practice: A Social Work Option in New Zealand*, Social Work Review, March, 1996.
- 1994-1999 Consultant and student supervisor for five projects for the Social Issues Network on the needs of residents in Manawatu District.

At a local branch level, Mary Ann served as the branch treasurer for more years than anyone can remember. She has been a member of the local branch executive and committee over a period of a great many years and has brought a great deal of enthusiasm, professionalism and energy to the local branch. Mary Ann has also mentored branch members in their roles within the branch and committee and remains a great source of institutional memory, knowledge and expertise and continues to be involved in coordinating recertification in this area.

Mary Ann worked at Massey University for 28 years in the School of Social Work and during her career was legendary in her ability to open doors for people interested in pursuing a career in social work, or wishing to know how to get Recognised Prior Learning or cross credits. Mary Ann demonstrated herself to be a wonderful example of standard 9 in practice, as she always found a way of making the university system work for people.

Mary Ann extended her contribution to the ANZASW by also mastering the intricacies of management and gaining an MBA while on the staff of Massey University. These skills plus her expertise in accounting have been invaluable to ANZASW and the profession through her teaching of management papers in the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, at Massey University, Palmerston North and her commitment to field education of social workers. Mary Ann nurtured students in the BSW and other programmes to qualify and to become ANZASW members and has been a great role model for students and for practitioners. Mary Ann continues her commitment to social work education by her involvement in marking postgraduate research reports and masters' theses.

Mary Nash, life member of ANZASW and also a Manawatu branch member reported at the time Mary Ann was recommended for commendation by ANZASW in 2006 that she had known Mary Ann since 1982, and that all this time she experienced Mary Ann as being quite selfless in promoting the best kind of professionalism for social work in New Zealand, and that to her knowledge Mary Ann has never tried to introduce models, methods or styles of practice which do not sit comfortably within Aotearoa New Zealand.

Mary Ann has also had an extensive history of community involvement and volunteering and continues to give a significant amount of her time and energy to her community.

In addition to all this, Mary Ann is a very welcoming, friendly and approachable person, who has also been able to retain the fun factor in social work, and is also regarded as one amongst our branch, who knows how to gather us together for compulsory laughter, an important trait in the work we do.

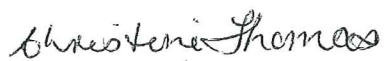
We believe this long and extensive history of ANZASW involvement and contribution to Social Work in Aotearoa New Zealand sets Mary Ann apart as an exemplary member of the Association

who is very worthy of receiving a Life membership of the Association. We would welcome the Governance Board supporting this nomination.

Please find attached a copy of Mary Ann's Curriculum Vitae and her letter of acceptance of this nomination.

The branch looks forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Thomas".

Chris Thomas

Branch Secretary